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November 19, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

I understand that you are to be here on Thursday, December 5, to speak to the Canadian Club, and I have wondered whether it would be possible for you to give us a little time at the University as well.

We have a gathering of the students, a sort of chapel service every Thursday at noon. If you are leaving Toronto Thursday morning, I don't know how you could get here for that unless you would be willing to take the early C.P.R. train leaving Toronto at 7.45 and arriving here at 11.35. You could then get up to the University by 11.40, which would give you easily half an hour clear before we would have to leave for the Canadian Club luncheon, which I believe is at 12.30.

I am afraid this is asking a great deal of you, but I have thought that perhaps you might be willing to do it for the sake of the inspiration you could give us. You could speak on any subject, of course that you thought best. We do not always make this a devotional service.

Will you kindly let me hear whether you think you could comply with this rather strenuous programme in order to give us a treat?

Yours very truly,

E. E. Braithwaite

President.

I wonder if you'll pardon me if I enclose a clipping with a personal allusion

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November 28th, 1918

President E. E. Braithwaite,

Western University,

London, Ont.

Dear President Braithwaite:

I shall be glad to meet your students next Thursday, and will as you suggest take the C. P. R. Train at 7:45 instead of the Grand Truck as previously arranged with Mr. Landon. Would you be kind enough to let Mr. Landon know ?

Can you tell me if there is a C.P.R. train that will get me back in decent time that night, or shall I have to return by Grand Trunk ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 14th, 1916

President Braithwaite,

Western University,

London, Ont.

Dear President Braithwaite:

I have forgotten to send you an account of my expenses to London in connection with my visit to the Canadian Club. I intended to do so a week ago. As so far as I remember they are eight dollars and fifty cents ($8.50).

I hope that we shall see you at the meeting of the Conference next Friday.

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 12th, 1918

President Braithwaite,

Western University,

London, Ont.

Dear President Braithwaite:

I was instructed by the Conference of the Ontario Universities that met in December to appoint a committee for the purpose of bringing in a report at a special meeting of the Conference to be held at the time of the meeting of the Ontario Educational Association in April with regard to subjects for matriculation, and in particular compulsory French. I am nominating a certain number from the University of Toronto and will consider the matter among themselves. Will you be kind enough to nominate your committee and have them consider the question so that at the call of the Convener, whom I have not yet appointed, they may be ready some time before the spring meeting to make a report that may be considered ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 19th, 1919

President E. E. Braithwaite,

Western University,

London, Ont.

My dear Dr. Braithwaite:

I have your letter this morning in the matter of Matriculation. I have asked Dean Robertson to act as the Secretary of our Committee, and I hope that before long they will be ready to consult you and the members of committees from other Universities.

I am very sorry to see from the paper that you have decided to resign your presidency. You have my deep sympathy in this matter and I hope that some other position perhaps more congenial will soon open up for you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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February 17, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

Your favor of February 12th was duly received. We have come to a conclusion here as to our suggestion regarding the revision of the matriculation subjects and will be ready to report at any time that may be necessary.

We did not lay any emphasis, however, upon the discussion of compulsory French by itself, thinking that this, as well as Italian, would be absorbed in the consideration of the general question. As we have another faculty meeting, however, the first week of March, it may be possible to give a little more consideration to that phase of the subject.

You will let us know, I suppose, about the proposed time of meeting as far in advance as possible.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

E E Braithwaite

President.

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February 21, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir Robert,

Please accept my thanks for your favor of February 19, and especially for your expression of sympathy in view of the situation here. I have always appreciated the sympathetic attitude you have shown to me from what you have known of the conditions. Some elements in the situation I have not known until recently. I have been conscious of certain opposition shown to me ever since I came, This, as well as some other things, I think ought to have been made known to me when I was invited to come, as I might have decided otherwise had I been aware of them. In the meantime other things have appeared and by a combination of factions and the desire to gratify certain personal ambitions, matters have developed so as to make it uncomfortable for me to remain. I need not go into particulars just now, but perhaps I may have the opportunity of discussing the whole matter with you some time in the near future.

In the absence of the editor-in-chief of one of the papers, a rather contemptible report crept into the papers not long ago. I did not reply to that directly but did make a statement from my viewpoint, a copy of which I think I will forward to you. So you see I am out now, and in reality there is already in one way a sense of relief, but of course the uncertainty of the future always rises up before one. I am not really worrying about that, but I suppose will be getting anxious about it by and by.

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I may find such opening more easily across the line, although there surely ought to be some place in Canada where I could do some work in some line in these important days of reconstruction. I know you will keep me in mind if anything of this kind comes to your attention.

Again thanking you and with best wishes to you all,

Yours very sincerely,

E.E. Braithwaite

President.